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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News contains the National results of the mid year cattle survey.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

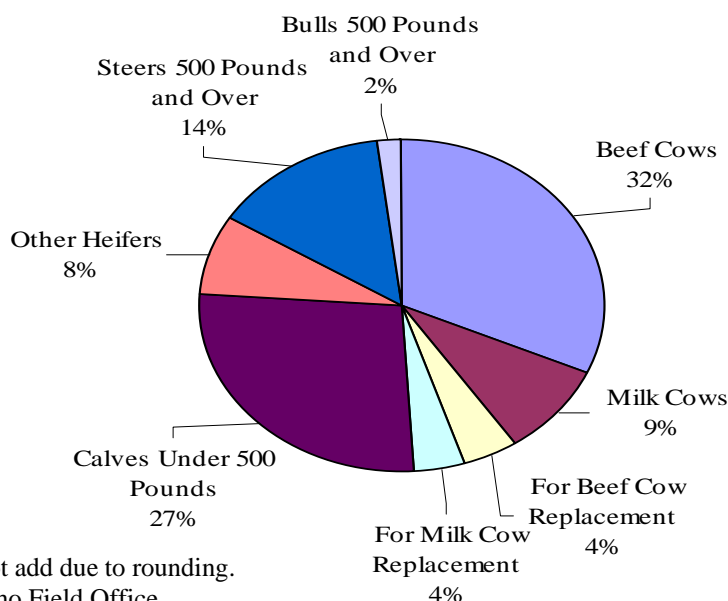
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Director

U.S. Cattle Inventory Down Slightly

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2008, totaled 104.3 million head, slightly below the 104.8 million on July 1, 2007 and down 1 percent from the 105.2 million two years ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.4 million, was down slightly from both July 1, 2007 and July 1, 2006. Beef cows, at 33.2 million head, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2007 and 1 percent below two years ago. Milk cows, at 9.25 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2007 and two years ago. All heifers 500 pounds and over, at 16.5 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago. Beef replacement heifers at 4.6 million head, were down 2 percent, and milk replacement heifers at 3.9 million head, were unchanged from July 1, 2007. Other heifers at 8.0 million head, were unchanged from last year. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over at 14.7 million head, were down 1 percent from last year.

Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over at 2.1 million head, were unchanged from a year ago. Calves under 500 pounds at 28.6 million head were down slightly. All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter at 11.7 million head were down 5 percent from last year.

U.S. CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASS
July 1, 2008



Percentages may not add due to rounding.
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